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Thanks Julie! Great report-out.

- Paula

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Folks: This is a report out from my meeting yesterday with Senator Tester's staff in Missoula.

1. Tom Lopach, Senator Tester's Chief of Staff, was to attend the meeting. He had to fly back early to Washington D. C. so was not available for the meeting. I met with Deborah Frandsen, Regional Director/State Grants Coordinator. She covers Mineral, Missoula, Granite, and Powell Counties. Deborah took over from Tracy Stone-Manning, current Director of Montana Department of Environmental Quality.
2. Superfund Topics – Deborah has limited experience with Superfund so had a lot of basic questions about the program and specifically about the Smurfit-Stone listing. I updated her on the listing process with proposed listing, that EPA did not finalize in April 2014 due to additional information received from M2 Green during the public comment period, and that HQ was in the process of responding to comments. I explained that Denver handles the site investigation and initial scoring packages. Final listing may occur in Fall 2014. I then explained that EPA was looking at using CERCLA authorities to ask M2Green and other PRPs to begin site investigation work this summer. She was pleased to hear that we could use additional authorities to begin work on the site. I shared with her a copy of the August 2012 START Contract report on the initial site investigation; the document has a good site summary and maps for her use. I also touched base on other Superfund related work in her Regional Area: 1) Flat Creek with final yard clean ups in Superior and State and Forest Service design work in the watershed; 2) site investigation work in the Phillipsburg area; 3) status of operations and maintenance at Milltown; and 4) Clark Fork River coverage in Powell County by Montana Department of Environmental Quality.
3. Blackfeet Tribal Issues – I originally wanted to speak to Tom Lopach about the series of letters we have recently received from the Chairman Sharp faction of the Blackfeet Tribe, threatening to go to Senator Tester to complain that EPA is interfering with tribal sovereignty over the Tribe's assertion of ownership of Town of Browning's drinking water and waste water systems. As a reminder, Senator Tester is now the Chairman to the Senate's Indian Affairs Committee. (Senator Barrasso (WY) is the Vice Chair.) Deborah conveyed that the Blackfeet Tribe falls within the coverage of Virginia Sloan, who also handles the Libby and CFAC issues. (I have worked with Virginia through the Flathead Basin Commission.) Deborah also stated that the Senator's office has

received a number of concerns about the situation at Blackfeet. She said that two additional folks may be tracking the Blackfeet situation for the Senator: Mary Pavel, Staff Director to Senate Indian Affairs Committee; and Sierra Howlett, previous Native American liaison from Tester to the Senate Indian Affairs Committee and now additional staff counsel on the committee. EPA Region 8 may receive call from the Senate Committee staff.

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